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# ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 80

*Note* :
- i) Answer *all* the questions in the answer-book given separately.
- ii) Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
- iii) Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin in your answer-book.

I. Answer any *two* of the following in about 200 words each :     $2 \times 10 = 20$

    1. Describe the romantic sub-plot of Jessica and Lorenzo.

    2. It is portia who saves the play, "The Merchant of Venice" from becoming a tragedy.

    3. Attempt a character sketch of Shylock.

    4. "Bassanio – a mere fortune hunter" – Discuss in relation to the play "The Merchant of Venice".

II. A) Answer in essay form any *one* of the following in about 200 words :

                                                   $1 \times 10 = 10$

    1. How does the author Jenkins create an atmosphere of vague restlessness, fear and suspense in the minds of the readers in the short story" "Uneasy Home-Coming".

    2. Narrate the circumstances that led to the resignation of Fateh Chand.

    3. Write an essay to prove the fact that Norah Burke's short story deals with the heroism of a young lad in the Indian jungles to save the life of his little brother.

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B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below against each question : 5 × 1 = 5

1. Don't look so unhappy lady, your husband will live to be

   a) sixty            b) seventy

   c) eighty          d) ninety.

2. When Princess September was old enough, she married the King of

   a) Arabia         b) Cuba

   c) Vietnam       d) Cambodia.

3. "A wedding present to Hughie Erskine and Laura Merton from an old beggar" and inside was a cheque for

   a) £ 20,000      b) £ 10,000

   c) £ 25,000      d) £ 50,000.

4. "You need not be anxious about my going away Ratan, I shall tell my .............. to look after you."

   a) successor      b) landlady

   c) servant        d) neighbour.

5. Mr. Nuttel made a headlong retreat because

   a) he was afraid of the dog

   b) he was very nervous

   c) he wanted to avoid a cyclist

   d) he thought the approaching men were ghosts.

III. A) Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10

   1. The value of sports and games in the curriculum.

   2. Education is not just book knowledge, it is an all-round development of personality.

   3. The need to preserve wildlife.

B) Expand the following outline into a readable story.                    5

    A miser — lost his purse with five hundred rupees — announces a reward of ten rupees — a poor honest man returned the purse without opening it — miser claimed purse contained five hundred and ten rupees. they go to the court — judge asked poor man to keep the purse and money — moral.

C) Write a letter on any *one* of the following :                    1 × 10 = 10

( Sign yourself as 'X' and give your address as 'Y'. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address etc., your answer paper will not be evaluated. )

1. Write a letter to your close friend congratulating him on his success in a challenging examination.

2. Write a letter to the Personnel Manager of a private company applying for the post of a stenographer.

3. You are the Secretary of a sports club. Write to a sports company ordering for some sports materials/equipment, etc.

IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :  5 × 1 = 5

    If you believe you can, you can. If you believe you cannot, you cannot. If you think negatively you will get a negative result because by your thoughts you create a negative atmosphere which is hospitable to only negative results. On the contrary, think positively and you create a positive atmosphere which makes positive results a certainty.

    To cultivate positive thinking, speak hopefully about everything. Then feed your mind with good nourishing and wholesome thoughts. Keep the company of good friends who are optimistic. Read holy scriptures which will cast away negative thoughts. Lastly, pray a great deal and count the many blessings that God Almighty has bestowed on you rather than grumble about your shortcomings. Thus you can overcome negative thoughts of failure and cultivate positive thoughts of success !

Questions :

1. The passage is on

    a) pessimism              b) optimism

    c) tourism                d) naturalism.

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2. To cultivate positive thinking we must speak ................ about everything.

    a) anxiously              b) fearfully

    c) hopefully             d) cautiously.

3. Think negatively and you create a ................ atmosphere.

    a) unpleasant           b) agitated

    c) negative             d) peaceful.

4. Reading ................ can cast away negative thoughts.

    a) newspapers          b) business magazines

    c) novels and short Stories    d) holy scriptures.

5. For cultivating optimism we should be ................ always.

    a) hopeful             b) aggressive

    c) alert                d) friendly.

B) Reduce the given passage to one-third of its original length.    5

V. Complete the following dialogue :           $5 \times 1 = 5$

*Tourist* : ................................................................

*Guide* : Yes, it is indeed. This temple was built by King Rajaraja Chola.

*Tourist* : ................................................................

*Guide* : It must be at least 600 years old.

*Tourist* : ................................................................

*Guide* : He chose this place probably because Thanzavur was his capital city.

*Tourist* : ................................................................

*Guide* : Oh, the presiding deity here in this temple is Lord Brahadeeswara.

*Tourist* : ................................................................

*Guide* : Yes, the Tamil University is also situated in the same town.

VI. Draft a telegram using the details given in the following passage :    5

Your younger brother has been admitted in K.K. Hospital, Madurai for suspected appendicitis. An operation will be done in the next two days. Send a telegram to your elder sister and brother at Trichy asking them to assist your parents and yourself at this time of crisis.